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SUBJ: ECE - SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

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1. REGRET DELAY IN REPLYING TO REFTEL DUE TO ABSENCE OF
BISHOP ON EXTENDED LEAVE.

2. BISHOP INFORMS US THAT PREPARATIONS WELL UNDERWAY FOR
MEETING OF SENIOR ADVISERS (24-28 FEBRUARY) AS WELL AS
SUBSIDIARY MEETINGS ON NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY (8-10 JANUARY)
AND WORKING PARTY ON AIR POLLUTION (13-17 JANUARY). SEC-
RETARIAT BACKGROUND PAPERS COVERING EACH OF THE MAJOR AREAS
FOR DISCUSSION (TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION; ENVIRONMENTAL
ASPECTS OF WATER RESOURCES; AND PROBLEMS OF NON-WASTE
TECHNOLOGY) WILL BE AVAILABLE AT LEAST IN PRELIMINARY
FORMS BY END OF MONTH AND WILL BE POUCHED UPON RECEIPT.
THESE PAPERS WILL SEEK TO DIRECT DISCUSSION AND TO REACH
CONCRETE CONCLUSIONS. RESULTS OF UP-COMING AIR POLLUTION
AND NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY MEETINGS AS WELL AS OSLO AIR
POLLUTION CONFERENCE (OSLO 5376) WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
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BASES FOR SAE DELIBERATIONS. ECE WAS REPRESENTED AT

OSLO MEETING.

3. REGARDING TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION, BISHOP IS OPTIMISTIC THAT ECE WILL ASSUME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE STEMMING FROM WORK PROGRAM OF SAE ALREADY ADOPTED, OSLO CONFERENCE AND CSCE. HE CAUTIONS, HOWEVER, THAT ECE ROLE MUST DEVELOP GRADUALLY TAKING ACCOUNT OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED IN REGIONAL EAST-WEST ENVIRONMENT PROJECT. BISHOP HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NORWEGIANS AND SOVIETS WHO TAKE POSITION THAT A MAJOR ECE PROJECT CANNOT BE LAUNCHED PRIOR CONCLUSION OF CSCE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE POLITICAL THRUST FROM THE CONFERENCE. (THIS CORRESPONDS WITH MISSION'S ASSESSMENT.) AT SAME TIME, BISHOP BELIEVES THAT ECE SHOULD HAVE WIDER MANDATE THAN PRESENT INVENTORY OF

SO EMISSION IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY WORK ESSENTIAL TO A PROJECT. THIS WOULD INCLUDE INVOLVING ECE IN MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTANTS IN A PRELIMINARY WAY THROUGH UNDERTAKING STUDIES, EXAMINING METHODOLOGY AND DEVELOPING MODELS.

FOCUS WOULD BE INITIALLY ON SO AND THEN EXTEND TO OTHER POLLUTANTS. ECE WOULD BE CONCERNED ONLY WITH REGIONAL ASPECTS AND NOT THOSE OF BILATERAL OR GLOBAL NATURE.

4. WORKING PARTY ON AIR POLLUTION (13-17 JANUARY) WILL EXAMINE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION PROJECT. ANTICIPATED THAT PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS CONCERNED (OTTAR-NORWAY AND BRODSKY-USSR) WILL ATTEND WORKING PARTY MEETING.

5. IT IS EVIDENT, THEREFORE, THAT SAE WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR CONCRETE AND MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.

6. BISHOP HOPEFUL THAT EXPERTS ON NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SAE WHICH WILL PERMIT GOOD DISCUSSION AND FOLLOW-ON PROJECT. AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS POINT A SEMINAR APPEARS TO BE MOST LIKELY FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITY. BISHOP UNCERTAIN HOW CASE STUDIES WILL BE DEVELOPED AT EXPERT MEETING BUT HE HAS REQUESTED THAT EXPERTS BE REASONABLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THREE INDUSTRIES FOR INVESTIGATION (IRON AND STEEL, GLASS, VEHICLE TIRES) PER BISHOP-BUSTERUD LETTER OF NOVEMBER 27. UK WILL BE REPRESENTED BY BOLLEMER, WHO ATTENDED CONSULTANTS MEETING, PLUS THREE OTHERS.

USSR WILL BE REPRESENTED BY AN ACADEMICIAN IN PLACE OF ANANICHEV. BISHOP HOPEFUL THAT US WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED.

7. DOCUMENT ON WATER RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY. BISHOP DID NOT PROVIDE INDICATION OF HOW THIS ITEM WILL BE HANDLED SINCE FURTHER THOUGHT STILL BEING GIVEN.

8. COMMENT: MISSION MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACT WITH BISHOP AND WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON SECRETARIAT PLANNING AND TRANSMIT COPIES OF COUMENTS (INCLUDING ADVANCE TEXTS) WHEN AVAILABLE. BELIEVE SECRETARIAT PLANNING HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IN PART BECAUSE OF PRESSURES BY SENIOR ADVISERS AND USEFUL INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH US ADVISER BUSTERUD PARTICIPATED. WE WOULD HOPE THAT US WILL HAVE NEW IDEAS TO PROPOSE TO THE SENIOR ADVISERS AND WOULD STRESS IMPORTANCE OF EXPERT PARTICIPATION AT SUBSIDIARY MEETINGS WHICH WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE BEARING ON DELIBERATIONS AT MEETING OF SAE. WE WERE MOST SATISFIED, IN THIS REGARD, WITH EXCELLENT US REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS ON TOXIC WASTE AND IMPACT OF MAN ON THE ENVIRONMENT. TASK FORCE IDEA WAS IMPROTANT US INITIATIVE WHICH HAS ATTRACTED SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT AND WHICH HAS GIVEN NEW DIMENSION TO ECE ACTIVITIES IN ENVIRONMENT FIELD.

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